



Regulatory Section

Overview

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Purpose of Regulatory Activities

The purpose of regulatory activities is to prevent the artificial spread (spread caused by human activity) of the gypsy moth from generally infested areas to non-infested areas. Generally infested areas are listed in **Appendix D**.

Regulatory Methods

Preventing the artificial spread of gypsy moth is accomplished by inspecting and treating, if necessary, Regulated Articles (defined below). The Regulated Articles may be infested by any life stage of the gypsy moth—egg masses, larvae, pupae, and/or adult.

Regulated Articles

The following Regulated Articles require inspection and certification:

- ◆ Logs, posts, pulpwood, wood chips, and bark
- ◆ Nursery stock
- ◆ Christmas trees
- ◆ Outdoor Household Articles (OHAs)
- ◆ Mobile homes and associated items

Through inspection and treatment of Regulated Articles, the risk of transporting gypsy moth to non-infested areas is minimized.

Regulatory Factors

Regulatory activities will vary depending on the following:

- ◆ Movement of Regulated Articles from Hazardous Sites
- ◆ Types of Regulated Articles and quantity in the shipment
- ◆ Personnel available for inspections
- ◆ Treatments available for the Regulated Articles
- ◆ Documentation required
- ◆ Public relations activities.

Movement From Hazardous Sites

The movement of Regulated Articles from Hazardous Sites (sites where gypsy moth is present either on the regulated articles or in the vicinity) is a high-risk activity. Nevertheless, an establishment may move Regulated Articles from a Hazardous Site, if the establishment meets certain conditions.

Therefore, the Regulatory Section contains a subsection on Hazardous Sites.

Types of Regulated Articles

The type of Regulated Article will determine the method of inspection and treatment.

Therefore, the Regulatory Section contains subsections for types of Regulated Articles:

- ◆ Logs
- ◆ Pulpwood
- ◆ Wood Chips
- ◆ Nursery Stock (which includes Christmas trees grown in the United States)
- ◆ Christmas Trees from Canada
- ◆ Outdoor Household Articles
- ◆ Mobile Homes and Associated Items.

Numbers of Regulated Articles Shipped

The quantity of Regulated Articles to be shipped will affect regulatory activities. If establishments regularly ship large quantities of Regulated Articles outside the generally infested area, the establishments must operate under a **Compliance Agreement** (CA). If establishments infrequently ship Regulated Articles from a generally infested area, PPQ and/or State personnel will inspect and certify

individual shipments. Therefore, this section provides information on CAs by referring to **Appendix G** which contains sample CAs for various establishments.

Personnel Available

The personnel available will affect regulatory activities. Because of limited PPQ resources, the following individuals, if authorized, may inspect, treat, and certify Regulated Articles:

- ◆ PPQ officers
- ◆ State personnel (State plant regulatory personnel)
- ◆ Qualified Certified Applicators (QCAs)
- ◆ Private citizens
- ◆ Employees of establishments under CAs

PPQ officers will still inspect Regulated Articles, especially those shipped by individuals and those shipped infrequently. However, many inspections will be done by (1) State personnel, (2) private citizens inspecting OHAs, (3) employees of establishments operating under CAs, and (4) QCAs, pesticide applicators certified to inspect OHAs and mobile homes.

Therefore, this section contains a subsection on Qualified Certified Applicators. Individual subsections contain inspection procedures for all inspectors to use.

All inspectors—whether PPQ officers, State personnel, QCAs, or employees of establishments under CAs—must follow the instructions in this manual to permit the movement of Regulated Articles.

Documentation

The movement of Regulated Articles from a generally infested area into or through a non-infested area will require documentation by one of the following:

- ◆ PPQ Form 540 (Certificate)
- ◆ PPQ Form 530 (Limited Permit)
- ◆ A signed “Accurate Statement” (for logs, pulpwood, and wood chips)
- ◆ Self-Inspection Check List, from Program Aid Number 1329 “Don't Move Gypsy Moth” (for OHAs)
- ◆ PPQ Form 527 (Sticky Back Certificate) (for nursery stock)

- ◆ Rubber Stamp Certificate (for nursery stock)
- ◆ QCA Document (for OHAs and mobile homes)

The documents for specific Regulated Articles are discussed in the subsections for the specific Regulated Articles.

Public Relations

The compliance of the public and industry with the gypsy moth regulations is based on (1) awareness of the existence of the regulations, (2) knowledge about the contents of the regulations, and (3) voluntary cooperation with the regulations.

To have a successful regulatory program, PPQ officers, State personnel, and/or other cooperators must inform the public and industry of (1) the gypsy moth regulations and (2) ways to comply with the gypsy moth regulations. PPQ officers, State personnel, and other cooperators will provide the public with information on the gypsy moth regulations through the following:

- ◆ Pamphlet distribution, such as “Don't Move Gypsy Moth,” Program Aid 1329
- ◆ Distribution of other information, such as the Gypsy Moth Quarantine Map ([Appendix C](#))
- ◆ Contact with the media—radio, television, and newspapers
- ◆ Personal contact with establishments that handle Regulated Articles

Contact with establishments must cover all potential means for moving gypsy moth. The following are some, but not all, of the establishments that must be contacted:

- ◆ Truck and trailer rental companies
- ◆ Moving companies and independent movers
- ◆ Nurseries
- ◆ Nursery stock brokers
- ◆ Christmas tree plantations
- ◆ Logging and pulpwood companies
- ◆ Independent loggers
- ◆ Lumber mills
- ◆ Mobile home parks
- ◆ Campgrounds

Review of Subsections

The following subsections in this manual will help to explain regulatory procedures to cooperators, private industry, and the public.

◆ **Treatments**

- ❖ Pesticide Certification
- ❖ Safety
- ❖ Treatments for Egg Masses
- ❖ Ground Treatments for Larvae
- ❖ Aerial Treatment for Larvae
- ❖ When to Treat Larvae

◆ **Hazardous Sites**

- ❖ Hazardous Sites Definition
- ❖ Movement of Regulated Articles
- ❖ Inspection of Hazardous Sites
- ❖ Inspection Results
- ❖ Treatment of Hazardous Site
- ❖ Documentation

◆ **Logs, Posts, Pulpwood, Wood Chips, and Bark**

- ❖ Operation under Compliance Agreements
- ❖ Procedures for Logs
- ❖ Procedures for Pulpwood and Wood Chips
- ❖ Treatments
- ❖ Hazardous Site Classification
- ❖ Documentation
- ❖ Signed “Accurate Statement”

◆ **Nursery Stock**

- ❖ Inspection under Compliance Agreements
- ❖ Procedures for Small Lots
- ❖ Procedures for Large Lots

◆ **Christmas Trees from Canada**

- ◆ **Qualified Certified Applicators (QCAs)**
 - ❖ Definition
 - ❖ Qualifications
 - ❖ Training
 - ❖ Authorization under Compliance Agreements
 - ❖ Substandard Performance
- ◆ **Outdoor Household Articles (OHAs)**
 - ❖ Definition of Outdoor Household Articles (OHAs)
 - ❖ Monitoring the Shipment of OHAs
 - ❖ Self-Inspection by Homeowners or Renters
 - ❖ Inspection by QCAs under Compliance Agreements
 - ❖ Pre-Inspection Procedures
 - ❖ Inspection Procedures
 - ❖ Treatments
 - ❖ Documentation
- ◆ **Mobile Homes and Associated Items**
 - ❖ Regulation and Mobile Homes
 - ❖ Preparation for the Regulation of Mobile Homes
 - ❖ Pre-Inspection Procedures
 - ❖ Safety and Inspections
 - ❖ Inspection Procedures
 - ❖ Treatments
 - ❖ Documents for Mobile Home Inspections
 - ❖ Use of Documents for Mobile Home Inspections